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Overall orientation

8.1 The legislative authority for the programme derives from General Assembly resolution 55/279 of 12 July 2001, by which the Assembly endorsed the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Brussels in May 2001, and 56/227 of 24 December 2001 whereby the Assembly decided to establish the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General contained in his report of 23 November 2001 (A/56/645 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and 2).

8.2 The mandate of the programme covers four main elements:

(a) Mobilization and coordination of international support for the effective implementation of: (i) the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010; (ii) the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries; and (iii) the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of the Small Island Developing States;

(b) Enhanced monitoring and follow-up to the three Programmes of Action;

(c) Advocacy and promotion of global awareness with respect to the three groups of countries (least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States);

(d) Reporting at the global level on the implementation of the Brussels and Almaty Programmes of Action as effective tools for reaching the international development goals for the concerned countries.

8.3 In this context, the programme will also contribute to the implementation of the relevant and related internationally agreed development goals concerning the three groups of countries, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and international agreements since 1992. The programme will mobilize international support in favour of its constituencies in the areas of capacity-building and increased technical and financial resources in promoting sustained growth and sustainable development. Gender is an important dimension in the implementation of the three Programmes of Action.

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Objective of the Organization: To fulfil the commitments of the Brussels, Barbados and Almaty Programmes of Action

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Establishment of national mechanisms in least developed countries for the follow-up and the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action	(a) Number of national forums for the follow-up and implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action in the least developed countries
(b) Effective mainstreaming of the Brussels Programme of Action in the work of the United Nations system and international organizations	(b) Number of related activities undertaken in favour of least developed countries
(c) Increased development assistance for the least developed countries from donors for the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action	(c) Number of activities or actions from the donor community in favour of least developed countries
(d) Establishment of coordinating mechanisms for the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action	(d) (i) Increase in the number of national, subregional and international level follow-up and coordination mechanisms established (ii) Increase in the number of specific actions, such as standardization and simplification procedures for border crossing, by United Nations organizations as well as the transit developing countries and donor countries
(e) Increased coordinated assistance for implementing specific actions in the five priority areas set out in the Almaty Programme of Action	(e) Increased number of joint programmes to further develop transit infrastructure and their efficient use
(f) Implementation of the priorities identified for small island developing States	(f) Number of activities undertaken to implement the priorities identified for small island developing States
(g) Increased involvement of civil society and the private sector	(g) Number of activities undertaken by civil society and the private sector

Strategy

8.4 With a view to addressing the objectives in each of the three main areas of endeavour, the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States will use a combination of the following approaches and strategies:

(a) Advocating that the concerns of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States be placed high on the global agenda in respect of the Brussels, Almaty and Barbados Programmes of Action;

(b) Mobilizing international support and resources in favour of the three groups of countries;

(c) Providing monitoring and follow-up to foster supportive policies in the three groups of countries and their development partners;

(d) Working with the United Nations system and other international organizations, including the regional organizations, the donor community and civil society, to ensure proper mainstreaming of priorities identified in each of the three Programmes of Action;

(e) Monitoring of all seven specific commitments of the Brussels Programme of Action: (i) fostering a people-centred policy framework, (ii) good governance at national and international levels, (iii) building human and institutional capacities, (iv) building capacities to make globalization work for least developed countries, (v) enhancing the role of trade in development, (vi) reducing vulnerability and protecting the environment, and (vii) mobilizing financial resources;

(f) Supporting the effective participation of the least developed countries in intergovernmental processes;

(g) Building partnerships towards the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action by establishing coordinating mechanisms for its implementation at national, subregional and global levels;

(h) Monitoring and coordinating implementation of specific actions and initiatives aimed at establishing efficient transit transport systems in landlocked and transit developing countries;

(i) Promoting South-South cooperation in various areas for the benefit of the countries of these three groups.

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
55/279	Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
56/180	Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries
56/198	Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
56/227	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
57/262	Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

57/276	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
58/201	Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries
58/213	Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
58/228	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2002/33	Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
2003/17	Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Economic and Social Council decision

2001/320	Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010